

# The Fulton County News.

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## TO THE HILLS TO BEDFORD.

Friday morning, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Woollet, of the Washington House, and Mr. and Mrs. "of the News" left McConnellsburg for a drive over the hills to Bedford. The distance is thirty-four miles. The station is Harrisville, six miles away, and under ordinary circumstances, if one covers the distance in an hour and a half, he will feel that he has lost no time. A second six miles brings one to the top of Sideling Hill mountain and it takes another hour and a half to make that. Two miles down hill brings us to the old hotel stand in five minutes, and we halt for a moment. The place has changed so much that we stopped there; and on inquiry, we found our land to be none other than our old boyhood days James Small. Forty years ago, he had his home with Jacob of Belfast township, and is numbered by the middle aged of that section. He moved "back" from Everett last year, and with his wife, a daughter, D. S. Mellott, and their two of pleasant young people, are well qualified to cater to the wants of the traveling public. Lottie Melvaine, still maintains her home at the old place, women have such a wide acquaintance with the general traveling public who frequent the old and few have a more happy of entertaining her guests. "Leaving the old hotel we must go up stairs and the "decorated room." This is a younger and even the middle aged people, is a curiosity. Fifty years ago there were "best" traveling whose business it was to decorate the walls of the "best rooms" of the homes. Papering walls was not known, and most people put their rooms "fine" when walls were covered with a coating of whitewash. The done by our artists was an advance. The work was effective on plastered walls ceilings. Stencils cut in board or tin, of patterns of bouquets, birds, vines, etc., were used. The outlines thus made on the walls were colored, and then with brush colors, the work was completed. The artists did not stint in coloring matter, and done the walls and ceilings a most gaudy appearance. The number of rooms were finished the same way in the brick residence of the late Daniels of Licking Creek township, and the stone house of the Crossings now owned by Shull. The charge for decorating the rooms was \$1.00. Mack's at 1:30, a drive of two hours put us into Everett, a distance of twelve miles. We spent a few minutes at the hotel. This famous hostelry has recently been remodelled instead of the squatly old structure it is now a modern story brick with all the appliances for the comfort of many guests. During the few minutes stay we had the pleasure of meeting the editor of the News, J. G. Cobler. The editor is proud to say that he is a former student of his in his Rainburg normals; his former townsman Sam Smith, who with his brother Hardy knows which one likes better—Windber or as they have a nice business each place. A half's more drive and the eight miles from Everett to Bedford are covered. We remained until the first of the week, when we returned

ry small per cent. of foreign element, its people being mainly the descendants of the early settlers. A number of fine business blocks have been put up in recent years and its hotels rank with the best found in country town anywhere in the State.

Quite a sprinkling of Fulton County people have been attracted to Bedford. Merrick A. Stoner, who went there several years ago has a nice business. He is a member of the firm of Stoner and Line the leading undertakers and furniture manufacturers of the place. Abram Covalt a former Fulton county man is in a position to live very comfortably.

Mrs. Lottie Over and Edgar Fulton board at the Central, one of the finest hotels in town. She also has a suite of rooms near the hotel where she spends part her time

John R. Fisher, who went to Bedford some twenty years ago has no great reason to complain of the town; for in addition to owning one of the most profitable hotel properties, he owns two good farms, one three miles this side of Bedford and the other about the same distance along the pike this side of Everett.

Miss Ada Hill, daughter of Moses Hill, of Belfast, lives in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Deibaugh, Deibaugh was formerly Miss Jennie Sharp of Licking Creek township. Rose Harman, daughter of John Harman of Warfordsburg is with the family of S. F. Stiver. Bertie Mellott, daughter of Dr. Job Mellott, is in the family of Frank Colvin; Lettie Deshong, daughter of Simon Dishong, and Lizzie Mellott, daughter of D. R. Mellott, have nice places at the Arandale, Joe Starr formerly of Belfast is also at the Arandale.

Joseph Booty, married to Lillie Swope of Licking Creek township, has a nice home in Bedford. Mrs. Ruth Swope, Mrs. Booty's mother is visiting them now. Most of William Deshong's family are in Bedford. It will be remembered that William was killed at Matthew Mellott's saw mill in Licking Creek township several years ago. Annie, widow of the late Barton Hockenberry, and her sister, married to Frank Bowser, have a very pleasant home on South Richard street. Sheridan is, also, in Bedford now.

Miss Lizzie Bain formerly of Fort Littleton, has held a position in the public schools of Bedford for several years, and Bedford's Principal of schools, another Fulton county boy, is D. C. Stunkard. Another, is Mason L. Peck, who has held a responsible position at the Bedford Springs for twenty years. There are, perhaps, others that we do not now think of.

The drive across the mountains now would be pleasant, if one did not lose so much time at the toll-gates—or "pole-gates" as our friend Woollet insisted on calling them. There are no less than 7 places between McConnellsburg and Bedford where one must stop and pay toll or show your ticket. It is perhaps only justice to the much abused managers to say that the pike is in the best condition we have seen it for thirty years.

At the M. E. parsonage Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. H. M. Ash, E. B. Cline of Knobsville, one of Fulton's best teachers and Miss Goldie Gress, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gress of Licking Creek township were joined in the bonds of matrimony. We extend our best wishes to the happy young people.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1900, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. Lewis Chambers, Mr. Daniel Clevenger and Miss Minnie M. Bivens were united in marriage. The News extends congratulations.

## FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

Harold McKibbin Tells in an Interesting Way How the Natives Eat.

DENILUPJAN, P. I., April 9, 1900.

Dear Mamma: Both your letters received yesterday. \* \* \* \* Four inches of snow would be very thankfully received here, as it is very hot, and men are suffering terribly—a great many sick. Twelve men of my company are sick in the hospital, and nine in "quarters"—most of them dysentery. We just come in off a reconnaissance through the mountains. We had a long hard march—carried one man four days. I am well and nearly as fleshy as when I came over. The mountains here resemble the Rockies in Arizona.

I am getting several pictures of the Islands to bring home with me. I was indeed glad to receive the photo you sent me. There has been some small pox on the Island. Two men of the 32d died with it, and I have been told a great many natives. Very seldom a day passes without a funeral, and I have seen as many as seven in one day. Whenever we hear the native band out playing we know it is a funeral. It is rather amusing to watch a funeral here. First come three boys dressed in red skirts and white waists with large sleeves, each boy carrying a candle stick about five feet long with lighted candles; next, the priest all dressed up in a flashy robe; then, the band playing "Hot Time" or something similar; next, the body carried on the shoulders of four or six men followed by the relatives and friends all on foot. They are the most ignorant class of people I have ever met. They live like hogs; and, on anything. You ought to see them eat. They cook up a lot of rice, put it out in an earthen dish—well, everything they have to eat is fixed that way—sit around on the floor, then they all get around in a ring and dive in with their fingers. The first thing they do is to scratch themselves, then jam their fingers down in the different stuff to eat, get their mouths full and then scratch or run their fingers through their toes, and so on through the meal. Now, that may sound funny, but nevertheless it is true; and, not only occurs once in a while, but I see it every day. The only articles I ever eat that have been handled by them are eggs, coconuts, bananas, oranges, and such things that they can't get their fingers on the inside of. They are absolutely dirty. \* \* \* \* I will close hoping to hear from you soon.

Your affectionate son,  
HAROLD.

## One Way to Get a Suit.

During the absence of Wilton Harrison, of Hancock, who had been in Mt. Savage, says the Times, a young man visited Wilton's home recently, and told Mrs. Harrison that her son had sent him there for his dress suit of clothes. After listening to the stranger's story which seemed very plausible, Mrs. Harrison told the visitor to call later, as just at that time she was very busy. In the meantime, the mother got her son's suit, carefully wrapped it up and gave it to the young man. The arrival of Wilton a few days later, disclosed the fact that the fellow who Mrs. Harrison thought was a friend of her boy, turned out to be a rascal. Wilton had seen the young man on one or two occasions in Mt. Savage, but never had a five minutes' conversation with him, and emphatically denies having sent him for his clothes, but the thief evidently gained enough information from some source to successfully carry out his purpose. His name appeared on the Light House register as C. L. Leslie, of Pittsburg. After paying his hotel bill he left very mysteriously.

## Adam Garlic's Last Misfortune.

From the Everett Press.

Adam Garlic had two fingers taken off at his saw mill this week. He takes the accident very philosophically, almost as if it was an every day occurrence. Probably this is because Mr. Garlic is exceptionally well schooled in misfortune. He has had two fingers of the right hand shot off by the discharge of a double barreled shot gun. A gigantic rattle snake took a thumb and two fingers from his left hand, one of the remaining fingers was so badly cut that it still hangs by a mere thread of skin and is useless. This leaves him one good finger on each hand.

During the war of the Rebellion a minnie ball went through his wrist, and he carries the mark above the eye left there by a Rebel sabre. While working in the woods his ankle was cut so badly that he would in all probability have bled to death had it not been for the late Jason Hanks, who sewed up the wound with thread made of fibre from hickory bark. His right leg was broken only five times and a large piece of bone was taken out. We refrain from mentioning many minor accidents, the enumeration of which would fill many volumes. Mr. Garlic is nearly sixty-six years of age and attributes his many accidents to his iron constitution which cannot be compared to anything unless it might be a locomotive.

## Fulton County Veteran Association.

The following Executive Committee is hereby appointed:

AYR.—D. M. Kendall, Captain Skinner, Scott Hann.

BELFAST.—Wm. Wink, J. T. Laley, and D. P. Deshong.

BETHEL.—Henry Faust, Jos. Fisher, and Wesley Hill.

BRUSH CREEK.—Isaac Mills, Abraham Garlic, and Amos Hixson.

DUBLIN.—D. F. Fraker, John Speck, and John Glunt.

LICKING CREEK.—Dr. Wishart, J. Wesley Hoop, and George W. Decker.

McCONNELLSBURG.—David T. Fields, R. N. Shimer, and Sam'l Kelley.

TAYLOR.—M. D. Mathias, Jeremiah Laidig, and Stephen Keepers.

THOMPSON.—John Fisher, Jas. O'Rourke, and David Gordon.

TODD.—Michael Holman, D. A. Gillis, and J. M. Fore.

UNION.—Dr. W. L. McKibbin, Isaiah Lehman, Jacob Schultz.

WELLS.—M. W. Hoack, A. O. Griffith, and S. P. Wishart.

The members of the committee are requested to meet at the Court House June 29th at 1 o'clock P. M.

Captain Skinner, D. H. Patterson, D. T. Fields, Michael Holman, and D. M. Kendall are appointed a committee to select a site for the Reunion, and they are requested to report to executive committee at above time and place.

ELLIOTT RAY,  
D. MALLOY, President.  
Secretary.

GOOD.

Harry W. Dubbs, of Fort Littleton, who has just completed a successful school at Derry Station, Pa., is now engaged in the office of the Carnegie Steel Company at Homestead, Pa. In writing for a change in the address of his paper, he says, "I think a great deal of the 'News.' I think it the best paper published in the county and, in fact, one of the best county papers I have ever read."

T. J. Thompson, agent for Dr. Shade's liniment, who lost the gray horse last April, has been fortunate in getting a fine dun horse, which will be nine years old in June, and proves to be a suitable horse for his business.

## PROPOSALS IN FICTION.

How the Heroes of Novels Pop the Question.

Some one with a weakness for statistics has waded through one hundred standard love stories and tabulated for the Colorado Spring Facts the various ways in which lovers behaved popping the question. In one hundred cases where the proposal was accepted no less than sixty-seven gentlemen kissed the lady and began, "all of a sudden." Eighty-one declared they could not live without her, while seventy-two held the girl's hand, and thirty-six took her in their arms.

Twenty-six lovers sat down to put the question, four fidgeted about with their handkerchiefs—which three afterward require to wipe away the tears of joy; three stood on one foot, and the same number "reclined on the grass;" only four thought it necessary to go down on both knees, but twice as many knelt on one. In thirty-two cases kissing took place. Only four kissed the girl on the cheek, but ten saluted the fair one's curls. Three kissed her eyes, two her hands, one the top of her head, one her nose (by mistake), and one her shawl.

Acceptance of the proposal caused a lump in the throat of fourteen lovers; the same number had qualms of conscience, while five had eyes "calm and clear." Nine declared themselves the happiest men alive, seven were deliriously happy, but five were too full for utterance.

The behavior of the women is equally interesting. Eighty-seven knew something was coming and sank into the gentleman's arms, sixty-eight cushioned their head against his manly bosom, while twelve preferred his shoulder. One sank back into a chair, one rested her head on the man's knee, and no less than eleven clasped their arms around his neck. The eyes of seventy-two were full of love, seven had eyes moist and limpid and the optics of two were dry. Forty-eight wept aloud and six shed silent tears of joy.

Twenty-seven fumbled with their gloves, fan and flowers, twelve buried their faces in their hands and one struggled not to be kissed. On the other hand, six girls kissed the man first. Nine rushed from the room to tell somebody and five giggled hysterically. Only three were pale and agitated, but eighteen were flushed. Three told their lovers "to ask papa," and one actually sneezed (shades of Venus), and one (a widow), said, "Yes, but don't be silly."

## SPRING HOUSE VALLEY.

Mr. George Paylor spent last Saturday night and Sunday with his friend Howard Souders of Todd. Mrs. Jacob Clevenger is sick. Mr. David Butterbaugh, one of our oldest citizens, is very ill. He is in his eighty-sixth year.

Harry Souders, of Todd spent last week visiting friends here. Miss Edie Hockensmith of Harrisville is spending some time with her many friends here. Christley A. Butterbaugh, of Franklin county spent last Sunday with his father David Butterbaugh of near this place.

Howard Souders of Todd is visiting in this neighborhood. Mrs. Eliza Dishong, of Harrisville, is spending some time with her daughter Mrs. John Carbaugh. Christley A. Butterbaugh and his brother Johnie, two of Franklin county's young men were in our Valley last Sunday.

Elmer Siders who is employed with W. C. Patterson near McConnellsburg spent last Sunday at his home here. Bruce and Raymond Paylor are spending some time with their cousin David Shaw of Laurel Ridge. Daniel Clevenger and his bride attended Sunday school at this place last Sunday.

## M. E. Conference Notes.

After a battle of ballots lasting nearly a week, the Methodist General Conference at Chicago on Tuesday disposed of a question that has been a source of dispute for many years the admission of women to the General Conference which was settled in favor of the women. The deadlock on the seventeenth ballot, resulting in the election of Dr. J. W. Hamilton, of the New England Conference, general secretary of the Board of Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and Dr. David M. Moor, of Cincinnati, editor of the Western Christian Advocate. 444 votes were necessary to a choice, the vote being: D. M. Moore 534, J. W. Hamilton 510.

By a vote of 443 to 38 the Methodist General Conference in session at Chicago last week abolished the time limit of pastorate, thus finally disposing of one of the most important questions before the great Methodist body and doing away with one of the fundamental features of the itinerant system of the denomination. Hereafter, according to the amendment to the discipline adopted by the conference, preachers will be appointed annually by the bishops, with no limit on the number of years a pastor may serve on the congregation except the limit imposed by his own ability and popularity with his congregation. He will still be a pilgrim and a stranger, but now may tarry longer than five years.

## THE OTHER FELLOW THERE.

They tell one on our bachelor friend, Anthony Mellott, of Sipes Mill. Feeling a little lonesome last Sunday evening, he "brushed up" and went to see his best girl. His disappointment may be imagined when he reached the home of the fair one and found the "other fellow" there. Believing that there are other fish, and feeling that he would not be out-generated, he gathered himself up, and started out for sweetheart No. 2. This was just a little more traveling than he had bargained for, but the thought of the pleasant hours he should soon spend, compensated for every weariness that was overtaking him. It is said lightning never strikes twice in the same place; but Anthony felt that something hit him when he stole up softly and saw the young lady in the parlor entertaining young man No. 2. This was too much. Our friend crawled up on the fence, wiped the perspiration from his brow and after resting long enough for the other fellow to leave, and the other fellow didn't go, he turned his weariest footsteps homeward. Now, if those young ladies want the pleasure of his company, they can go to see him.

## LIVIDIG.

George E. Mumma spent Sunday with relatives at Kearney, Bedford county. Hons. S. P. Wishart, of Wells Tannery, and S. L. Buckley, of Ft. Littleton, and Rev. Charles Mayne, of Evanston, Illinois, attended the funeral of Benj. A. Lyon Thursday morning and took part in the S. S. Convention, Thursday afternoon. Miss Emma Laidig who has been in Trough Creek Valley for some time, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Maria Laidig. Mrs. Hiram Clevenger and daughters Marjorie and Olive are spending the week with relatives in Trough Creek Valley.

John Lyon who had come to attend the funeral of his uncle Benjamin, returned to his present home in New York city, on Saturday. Edwin, Harvey, and Sadie Clevenger spent Sunday with relatives in Trough Creek Valley. May Laidig came home last Sunday from Chambersburg and will remain a short time.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. Shade, mother of Dr. N. B. Shade of Washington, D. C., is visiting the family of John Bender of this place.

Huston Heeter, wife, and daughter Annie, and Mrs. R. J. Fields of Clear Ridge called at the News office while in town last Saturday.

W. L. Berkstresser of Taylor Township spent last Saturday in McConnellsburg. Lee's new store is quite a convenience to that part of the township and is receiving a nice share of patronage.

Ex-Sheriff Frank Mason and wife were visiting friends in Belfast township last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. P. P. Mann and son Harold of this place, spent a few days last week with the family of Mrs. Mann's father, Judge James Daniels, of Licking Creek township.

Miss Nannie Sipes, of Pittsburg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Runyan Sipes of Licking Creek township, after an absence of three years. Miss Nannie has a nice position in the Iron City.

Miss Mary Sloan of Buffalo N. Y., is visiting friends in McConnellsburg.

Miss Lenore Wishart of Harrisville, spent several days the past week with her friend Miss Nell Daniels of this place.

Mr. Ernest Hixon of Brush Creek Valley spent Sunday with friends in town. He returned to Baltimore the first of the week.

Grace Hixon and her sister Mrs. Rohm spent from Saturday till Sunday with the family of John V. Stout-eagle of this place.

Mr. S. M. Shore, of Sallillo was in town Monday taking orders for crayon and pastel portraits.

Mrs. J. Frank Sheely and children, of McConnellsburg, visited relatives near town during the past week—Echo-Pilot, Greenscastle.

Our veteran friend George W. Deshong, accompanied by his daughter Ella, called at the News office Tuesday morning.

Miss Fannie Greathead returned to the home of her parents: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Greathead of this place last Friday. Miss Greathead was employed in the public schools of Jeannette, Pa., the past year.

Harry A. Thompson, of the Tyrone Times, having been elected Representative of Tyrone Senate No. 967 to Seventh annual assembly, Supreme Senate Knights Ancient Essene Order, at Pittsburg 22, 23, and 24 was present to represent his Lodge.

Miss Margaret Daniels of Sipes Mill is visiting her sister Mrs. W. M. Dixon in Pittsburg.

Mr. Ed Brakeall, one of Thompson's leading teachers, accompanied by Miss Mary Hendershott, of Bethel, spent Wednesday in McConnellsburg.

## LICKING CREEK.

Miss Nannie Sipes, of Pittsburg, is home spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Runyan Sipes.

Mr. G. Runyan Sipes and Mrs. T. Riley Sipes are very ill.

Mr. Thomas Palmer preached at James Kline's for Mrs. Mahala Mellott last Sunday.

Misses Lina A. Deshong and Estella Decker are the delegates from Siloam to attend the Sunday school convention at Fort Littleton in June.

Mr. Harry Mumma and family spent Sunday at T. Irwin Sipes's.

John Metzler is getting a well drilled in his barn yard.

Quite a number of the people of this place expect to attend the Memorial services at Antioch.

Miss Ella Kline spent Saturday and Sunday with her friend Miss Lina A. Deshong.

Mrs. George Hoop and her mother spent Sunday with Mrs. Lewis Mellott of Belfast.

Mr. J. Wesley Hoop purchased the goods, and the young ladies of Siloam are going to cushion the benches for the choir. The next thing we want is, that our church yard fence shall be painted. If the men would furnish paint and brushes, and could not get it painted, the ladies are willing to take the paint brushes and paint the fence, but if the ladies cushion the benches, they think the men ought to paint the fence. Children's services at Siloam M. E. church June 10th at ten o'clock. The Salvationists commence a camp meeting June the 6 near Andrew Truax's, in Belfast. The ground is now ready.